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LOK SABHA

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PRICE OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of skimmed milk powder is higher at present as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of increase in the price of skimmed milk powder at Kharibaoli market, Delhi for the period 2004-05 and 2005-06 (upto February 2006) as reported in the print media is given below:

Months	2004-05	2005-06
April	91.81	92.46
May	88.17	96.75
June	80.00	95.83
July	86.33	92.83
August	78.78	88.96
September	67.31	86.79
October	69.78	82.00
November	70.86	82.92
December	74.35	80.71
January	78.21	90.96
February	76.38	95.92
Average	78.56	89.65#

Average upto February,2006

The large increase in the exports of Skimmed milk powder during the current year from April to September 2005 (about14,600 tonnes) as compared to the corresponding period of last year (about 3100 tonnes) appears to be one of the main reasons for increse in prices of skimmed milk powder as compared to the previous year.

(c): Government of India has not received any report on shortage of milk during the current year (2005-06), despite increase in export of skimmed milk powder in the current year as compared to the previous year (2004-05).